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To: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

From: Zane Potter, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 3, 2021

Subject: HB 2139 – Relating to the Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Grant Program
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 2139 establishes in statute the Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Grant Program, which was previously created in the 2019-21 budget of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA). The program assists with transport of rural veterans to receive health care, allows grants for transportation regardless of whether care being received is covered by any federal benefit plan and deems federally recognized Indian tribes eligible to receive grants. In 2019-21, ODVA partnered with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to administer the program and disperse funds.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Management on 01/26/21, 02/23/21, and 03/09/21.

The staff measure summary and fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS). The LFO Recommended Budget for ODVA (HB 5036) includes a transfer of \$650,000 from ODVA to ODOT to administer the program. No changes to the bill are recommended.

Final Subcommittee Action

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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